THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) While the Government appreciates the need for a Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority in Delhi, a final decision regarding its constitution, organisation and functions has not been taken so far.

(c) Such an Authority can be expected to deal with the stated problem in so far as it will be charged with the responsibility of planning coordinating and overseeing the working of different modes of transport in the City.

Introduction of a Mass Rapid Transport System in the Capital

407 SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an urgent need to have a Mass Rapid Tarnsport System in the caiptal;

(b) whether more than 1 lakh vehicles are added on the roads in the capital every year;

(c) whether the Cantral Road Research Institute (CRRI) has made plans for a mass transport system for Delhi; and

(d) if so, what other steps Government propose to take to make the transport system more effective in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Government appreciates the need for a mass rapid transport system for Delhi.

(b) Between 1977--1985, the motor vehicles registered in Delhi increased from 389000 to 841000.

(c) Yes, Sir. In 1971.

(d) The question of making the transport system more effective is under constant review with a view to establishing a reliable efficient and functional multi-modal transportation system; and to establish reasonable freedom to automobile traffic and to ensure safe pedestrian movement through innovative management techniques.

Widespread use of Video Cassette Recorders

408. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a wide-spread use of Video Cassette Recorders (VCRs), particularly in the metropolitan areas of the country and, if so, what is the approximate number of VCRs being used in the country; and

(b) whether it is a fact that unscrupulous advertisers who cannot use the Doordarshan or newspapers are openly and exhaustively using the home-viewing VCR tapes to project sex remedies, liquor and magical cures to the innocent viewers, and if so, what action Government propose to take to check such advertisements?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) It is a fact that there is widespread use of Video Cassette Recorders (VCRs) particularly in the metropolitan areas of the country. No official estimates are available on total population of VCRs/VCPs in the country. However, as per some surveys by private agencies, the population of VCRs/VCPs in the country is estimated to be about 2 millions.

(b) Government have no information about the unscrupulous advertisers using exhaustively home viewing VCR tapes to project sex remedies,

liquor and magical cures. All video copies of certified celluloid films are required by law to bear duplicate copies of censorship certificate issued for the main celluloid film. This certificate *inter-alia* mentions the number of reels and the total length of the film. However, it does not cover the insertion of advertisements. Advertisement films are separately submitted for censorship and issued with censorship certificates. There is however, no legal bar to the insertion of these certified advertisements in video tapes. In case uncensored advertisements violating the Guidelines of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 are inserted, they would attract the penal provision under Section 7 of the Act, and the owner of the video rights will be liable to prosecution.

Setting up of LPT Stations in Andhra Pradesh

409. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPT Stations proposed to be set-up in Andhra Pradesh during the last year of Seventh Five Year Plan (1989-90) and first three years of Eighth Five Year Plan (1990—93);

(b) the percentage of area and population to be covered by these Stations; and

(c) the percentage of area and population likely to be covered by the end of Third Year of Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) During the remaining period of the Seventh Plan, one high power transmitter, three low power transmitters and two TV transposers are envisaged to be set up in Andhra Pradesh. Besides one more high power transmitter envisaged to be set up in the State, under the Seventh Plan, is expected to be commissioned during 1990-91. On commissioning of these transmitters, TV service is expected to be available to about 66 per cent area and 77 per cent population of Andhra Pradesh compared to the present coverage of 49.7 per cent area and 65.7 per cent population.

It is not yet the stage to firm up the Eighth Plan proposals for Doordarshan.

Opening of second channel in Hyderabad Doordarshan

410. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for providing with a second channel in Hyderabad Doordarshan Kendra in view of the opening up of the new studio of Doordarshan Kendra at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the time frame for completing the project; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for not opening the second channel in Hyderabad Doordarshan Kendra?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per the approved schemes under the Plan the second channel service was planned to be introduced in the metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras only. No funds have, therefore, been allocated under the VII Plan for introduction of similar service in any other city.